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3	17th Jan.	12-13	5th Jan.	*City of Perth.*—Correspondence relating to complaint preferred by a portion of the crew of the — of short issue of provisions, and to compensation having been awarded to the men, forwarded.
4	17th Jan.	..	..	*Query Paper*, with explanation required by Board of Trade, forwarded.
5	22nd Jan.	..	..	*Account Current.*—Duplicate — with Board of Trade, submitted by Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, forwarded.
6	1st Feb.	1—3	1st Feb.	*Deceased Seamen.*—Explanation from Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, of the circumstances under which the wages, &c., due to Alfred Sherman were received at 2*s.* instead of 1*s.* 10*d.* the rupee, forwarded.
7	10th Feb.	19-20	10th Feb.	*Little Basses Rock Light Vessels, Ceylon.*—Account Current, vouchers and statement of light dues collected on account of the — for quarter ending 30th September 1875, forwarded.
8	15th Feb.	39-40 27-28	20th Jan. 15th Feb.	*Topaze.*—Proceedings of Government with a set of Navy Bills for £165-10-1 drawn by Paymaster of Her Majesty's Ship — for coal purchased from Marine Department, forwarded.
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10	25th Feb.	7 15 and other papers.	5th Jan. 13th Jan.	*River Clyde.*—Report of a Special Court of Inquiry appointed to investigate the circumstances attending the stranding of the Barque — near Porto Novo, forwarded.
11	26th Feb.	..	..	*Accounts Current.*—Two duplicate — with Board of Trade, submitted by Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, and Master Attendant, Tuticorin, forwarded.

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13	24th Mar.	..	..	*Account Current.*—Duplicate — submitted by Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, forwarded.
14	7th Apr.	..	..	*Query Paper*, returned with explanation desired by Board of Trade.
15	7th Apr.	138	7th Apr.	*Account Current.*—Papers showing that the original — in the case of distressed seamen of the *French Empire* was sent to Board of Trade by Master Attendant, Madras, forwarded.
16	10th Apr.	141	10th Apr.	*Query Paper.*—An answered — regarding the wages of seaman Frank Smith of the Barque *Cheriot*, forwarded.
17	28th Apr.	..	..	*Accounts Current.*—Two duplicate — with Board of Trade, submitted by Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, and Collector of Malabar, forwarded.
18	8th May.	13-14	8th May.	*Little Basses Rock Light Vessels, Ceylon.*—Account Current with vouchers, of light dues collected on account of the — for quarter ending 31st December 1875, forwarded.
19	30th May.	1—3 34-35	3rd May. 30th May.	*Morrison, Commander Alexander, of the Ship "Hannah Law."*—Papers on the subject of certain charges of incompetency and misconduct brought against — forwarded.
20	2nd June.	203	2nd June.	*Deceased Seamen.*—Letter from Master Attendant, Madras, reporting that the estate of the late Alfred Sherman is not entitled to the sum of £1-6-8 claimed on behalf of the same, transmitted.
21	3rd July.	..	..	*Account Current.*—Duplicate — with Board of Trade submitted by Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, forwarded.
22	18th July.	265	18th July.	*Little Basses Rock Light Vessels, Ceylon.*—Account Current, with vouchers of light dues collected on account of the — for quarter ending 31st March 1876, forwarded.
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24	1st Aug.	..	..	*Account Current.*—Duplicate — with Board of Trade, submitted by Acting Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, forwarded.
25	5th Aug.	..	..	——— do. by Collector of Malabar, forwarded.
26	30th Aug.	..	..	——— do. by Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, forwarded.

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28	13th Sept.	..	..	*Query paper,* returned with explanation desired by Board of Trade.
29	15th Sept.	365	15th Sept.	*Deceased seamen.*—Letter from Acting Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, with two packets containing property of two — H. Johns and J. Dickenson, forwarded.
30	22nd Sept.	324 374	23rd Aug. 22nd Sept.	*Wrecks.*—Papers connected with the Special Court of Inquiry appointed to investigate the circumstances of the wreck of the British Indian Steam Navigation Company's Steamer *Malacca*, forwarded.
31	26th Sept.	..	..	*Accounts Current.*—Two duplicate — with Board of Trade submitted by Acting Collector of Sea Customs, and the Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, forwarded.
32	7th Oct.	404	7th Oct.	*Accounts.*—Intimating that it does not appear practicable to appoint one officer at Madras to deal with the — of deceased and distressed British Mercantile seamen.
33	10th Oct.	407	10th Oct.	——— The despatch in future of the Tonnage account relating to Government consignments, direct to the Master Attendant, Madras, suggested.
34	14th Oct.	416	14th Oct.	*Deceased seaman.*—Letter from Acting Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, with a packet containing property of — W. S. Smith, forwarded.
35	28th Oct.	..	..	*Accounts Current.*—Three duplicate — with Board of Trade submitted by Acting Collector of Sea Customs, and Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, forwarded.
36	4th Nov.	451	4th Nov.	*Lights.*—Letter from Accountant-General, Madras, stating that the cost, freight, &c., of the articles connected with the first order white Dioptric Light at Cocanada should be charged off to "Marine," Imperial, in the Home Accounts, forwarded.
37	13th Nov.	17-18	13th Nov.	*Little Basses Rock Light Vessels, Ceylon.*—Account Current with vouchers of light dues collected on account of the — for quarter ending 30th September 1876, forwarded.
38	20th Nov.	480	20th Nov.	*Basses Light Dues.*—Letter from Accountant-General with account of — received from Collector of Ganjam, for quarter ending 30th September, forwarded.
39	27th Nov.	..	..	——— Query paper from Board of Trade on the account for — for quarter ending 31st March 1876, returned with Accountant-General's explanation.
40	27th Nov.	493	27th Nov.	*Wrecks.*—Proceedings of Government containing reports of the wreck of the Ship *Prince Waldemar*, forwarded.

Despatches to the Secretary of State for India in 1876.—(Concluded.)

Numbers and dates of Despatches.		Numbers and dates of papers reported therein.		Subject.
41	1876. 27th Nov.	491	1876. 27th Nov.	*Accounts.*—Intimating that the — relating to distressed seamen and the estates of deceased seamen are forwarded in the forms desired.
42	1st Dec.	502	1st Dec.	*Albuquerque.*—The transmission to Madras Government of signal letters under the International Code for the steam dredge — requested.
43	2nd Dec.	..	..	*Account Current.*—Duplicate — with Board of Trade submitted by Deputy Master Attendant, Madras, forwarded.
44	5th Dec.	..	..	*Wrecks.*—Deposition taken from Axal Olsson of the late Ship *Prince Waldemar*, forwarded.
45	5th Dec.	516	5th Dec.	*Invoices.*—Issue of instructions for certain alterations being made in the — per S.S. *Khedive* and S.S. *Chyebassa*, and in the Home Accounts, requested.
46	23rd Dec.	..	..	*Lights.*—Statement of a new light exhibited at Calingapatam in the Ganjam District, forwarded.
47	27th Dec.	..	..	*Account Current.*—Duplicate — with Board of Trade submitted by Deputy Master Attendant, forwarded.
48	30th Dec.	..	..	*Wrecks.*—Proceedings of Government containing further papers relating to the late Ship *Prince Waldemar*, forwarded.

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